



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

08/30/2025 – 09/07/2025

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning **OCTOBER 1st**, Mater Dei's Holy Mass schedule will change.

These changes were discussed with the Parish Council and approved by Bishop John.

ST. MARY'S:

Weekday morning Masses will continue at 9:00 am Monday through Saturday.

There will be a weekday afternoon Mass only on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm.

Saturday's weekend vigil Mass will remain at 4:00 pm.

There will be one Sunday morning Mass at 10:00 am.

ST. EDWARD'S:

Weekday afternoon Masses will be on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5:00 pm.

Sunday morning Mass will remain at 8:30 am.

ST. JAMES:

The weekday Mass will remain on Fridays at 11:00 am following Adoration at 10:30 am.

Sunday morning Mass will be at 11:00 am.

If you have not already done so, please pick up a copy of the letter from Fr. Benny containing a new Mater Dei Parish Mission Statement and an explanation of why these changes are necessary. Change is often hard. The decision to make these adjustments to the Mass schedule was difficult and was made only after much prayer and discussion. Thank you for your understanding and support of our beloved parish.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!

Mater Dei is still looking for volunteers to join ***Friends of St. Justin*** to pray for and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life and ***Ladies of Mater Dei Parish*** to join other women of the parish to pray together, offer their diverse talents for the good of the Church and the glory of God, and discover new opportunities to grow in faith and service to God and His Church.

Add your name to the sign-up sheets at our Church entrances or call the parish office at (802) 334-5066 to join us.



Thank You for Your Generosity to our Mater Dei Parish Churches

August 23rd & 24th, 2025

Envelopes:	\$ 3,185.00
Loose:	\$ 2,661.00
eCatholic:	\$ 290.00
TOTAL:	\$ 6,136.00



Weekly Budget Expenses: **\$10,756.00**
Deficit/Surplus: **\$ -4,620.00**

There is a special collection this weekend for **Vermont Catholic Magazine**. The magazine is increasingly more expensive to print and ship to each parish. Your generous donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

2025 BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE

Mater Dei's parishioners have already donated **\$47,482.12** to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, which is **99% of our goal of \$47,740!!** Thank you for your generosity.



Please prayerfully consider joining the more than 4,000 families and individuals who have already made a donation to the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal. These sacrificial gifts are a beautiful expression of faith in action. Your support helps the Diocese of Burlington continue building a vibrant Church in Vermont through programs, ministries and services.

To learn more or to make a gift, visit bishopsappealvt.org.

MEMORIAL FOR THE UNBORN



St. Edward's Cemetery Association would like to thank Fr. Benny for requesting a designated burial plot specifically for the unborn. Thank you also to

Bianchi Memorials & Rock Top Designs for creating the beautiful monument at cost to mark the spot.

A two-burial plot has been designated inside the gate on the right side of the cemetery facing the road next to the corner building and school road. All are encouraged to stop by the cemetery to say a short prayer.

Thank you again Fr. Benny for your wonderful suggestion and Bianchi Memorials for your generous donation.

"Carried for a short while...Loved for a lifetime"

Dear Parishioners of Mater Dei,



Where do I begin? It is with much gratitude that I thank everyone for all the help, generosity and donations that made our annual parish picnic such a wonderful success. It

could not have happened without the efforts of so many parishioners and community members. Cloudy skies and some raindrops could not dampen the spirits of the estimated crowd of 300 parishioners, families and friends who attended our parish picnic on August 17th. The menu was a royal banquet again this year, as our diners were entertained by the heavenly voices of Mark Shelton and Christine Sykes. Thanks to the generosity of Real & Denise Desrochers, we were treated again this year to a delicious pig roast. A special thank you to the K of C for setting up and taking down the tents, tables and chairs, and to their chefs extraordinaire who did the grilling, the many parishioners who provided salads, baked beans and desserts, and to everyone who helped serve the food.

It takes an entire family working together to organize an awesome event like our parish picnic! Thanks to Rick Bruce and our parish teenagers who organized the games to entertain our children. Our heartfelt appreciation to the parishioners and community organizations who donated items for our very successful gift basket raffle. Much gratitude as well to all who sold and purchased tickets for the 50/50 and gift basket raffles—especially those who faithfully donated their time every weekend after Mass for two months to sell tickets at each church—and to those who contributed additional monetary donations. And of course, none of this would have been possible without you, our parish family, who donated paper goods, water, many hours of their time, their talents and financial support to prepare and help make our picnic such a memorable event.

From the bottom of my heart, **THANK YOU** for being such a vital and generous part of our parish community!

With Gratitude in Christ,
Fr. Benny

Please keep the victims of this week's shooting in Minneapolis and their grieving families in your thoughts and prayers.



VOCATIONISTS CORNER

In March 1982, at the request of the Archbishop of Newark, the Vocationist Fathers took on the responsibility of St. Nicholas Parish in Palisades Park, NJ. The Fathers were able to foster vocations at St. Nicholas, but soon realized that their candidates needed a setting more conducive to reading, studying, and praying. Once again, Divine Providence stepped in and came to their aid.

In 1986, when Jack Burstyn, a man of Jewish faith, was told about the needs of the Vocationists he donated 30 acres of land in Florham Park, NJ for the purpose of building religious houses for the Vocationist Fathers and Sisters. Many other benefactors joined Mr. Burstyn and generously contributed to the construction of the first Vocationary in the United States. The new house of formation was named Father Justin Vocationary and was blessed and inaugurated on May 27, 1989 by the Most Reverend Frank Rodimer, Bishop of Patterson, NJ.

VOCATIONIST FATHERS 50/50/ RAFFLE

It's time again for the Vocationist Fathers annual 50/50 raffle!

- 1ST PRIZE: 35% OF PROCEEDS
- 2ND PRIZE: 10% OF PROCEEDS
- 3RD PRIZE: 5% OF PROCEEDS

Tickets are \$5 each or buy a book of 6 tickets for \$20! Get your tickets at the parish office in Newport or from any of our Vocationist priests. Proceeds from the raffle help support the Vocationists' seminarian program.

Prizes will be drawn on November 8, 2025.



NOT BAPTIZED? NOT CONFIRMED? OR DO YOU JUST WANT TO BECOME MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE BASICS OF OUR FAITH! THEN OCIA IS FOR YOU!

The first meeting is **Sunday, SEPTEMBER 14TH at St. Edward's**. Come to 8:30 am Sunday Mass and join St. Edward's parishioners at their weekly fellowship gathering for coffee and great conversation before class from **10:00 am—11:00 am**.

Baptism, First Communion and/or Confirmation will be at the Easter Vigil.

For more information or to sign up, contact the parish office at (802) 334-5066.